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Nico back to Toronto

IMMIGRATION

Boy with Down syndrome denied residency now allowed in

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Nico Montoya can finally call Canada home.

The 13-year-old boy's immigration saga came to an end Thursday, with news the government had reversed its decision to deny his family residency because of his Down syndrome.

Nico and his parents moved to Toronto from Costa Rica in 2013, after his father, Felipe, accepted a teaching job at York University. They applied for permanent residency, but were rejected after Citizenship and Immigration Canada decided Nico's condition would be a burden on the healthcare system.

Nico Montoya THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Montoyas appealed, but returned to Costa Rica in July as the process dragged on. They had all but given up hope when a letter arrived last week informing them they would be allowed back to Canada on humanitarian grounds.

"The news is double exciting for them," said Hadayt Nazimi, a Toronto lawyer who teamed up with other advocates to intervene on behalf of the Montoyas.

"They're very happy as they prepare to come and live here. Felipe really went out of his way to make policymakers aware of the problem."

Felipe expressed gratitude but pledged to continue the fight for immigration reform.

"I think the disability community doesn't deserve compassionate and humanitarian considerations, but rather justice and means of inclusion into society," he said.

Nazimi hopes the government's change of heart will set a precedent for future cases, and maybe even convince Ottawa to amend Section 38 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, which makes foreign nationals inadmissible to the country on health grounds.

"It shows there's willingness to change. The question is when will these changes be formally implemented?" he said.

The tree at the centre of a fatality in Trinity Bellwoods was flagged as a potential hazard two years ago, according to a report obtained by Metro.

It was only after a man was killed by a falling branch on June 17 that the city rushed to fix the problem

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MUSIC TORONTO HONOURS THE TRAGICALLY HIP AS THEY MAKE FINAL VISIT TO CITY
Gord Downey and the rest of The Tragically Hip perform at the Air Canada Centre on Wednesday night in the first of the band's three final Toronto concerts. Mayor John Tory proclaimed it Tragically Hip Day in honour of the "quintessentially Canadian" act. The band will continue its Man Machine Poem farewell tour at the ACC on Friday and Sunday.
MARCUS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wheelchair ramp stolen from home

THEFT

Object found by a citizen as police fielded donation offers

Peel Regional Police have returned a wheelchair ramp to the 12-year-old boy it was stolen from over the weekend.

The ramp was found by a citizen in the area of Guildwood Way and Eglinton Ave. West in Mississauga.

Described as a three foot by eight foot silver aluminum folding model, the ramp was taken from the front steps of the boy's home near Huntington Ridge Drive and Mavis Road sometime after 7 p.m. on Aug. 6.

After news of the theft got out, Peel Regional Police fielded numerous calls from people wanting to donate money to the family.

The police made arrangements to replace the ramp, which they say had an estimated retail value of $350.

Const. Bally Saini was unable to confirm how much was donated for the cause, or what will happen to the second ramp now that the first has been returned.

"I think it's great that we can see the community coming together when someone is in need," Smith told the Star. "We're glad that the community was forthcoming and willing to help out. It's nice to see that, even being a large city, we can come together as a tight community."

Officers from "B" platoon of Peel Regional Police's 12 Division are still investigating the theft and looking at video surveillance and witnesses around the area.

Anyone with information about the ramp theft is encouraged to call Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).
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Canada's hot spot

The temperature in Toronto topped out at 35 C (41 C with the humidex) Wednesday, making it the hottest place in Canada. There were reports of children's shoes melting on Astroturf. Here's how hot it was compared to some of the world's hottest cities.
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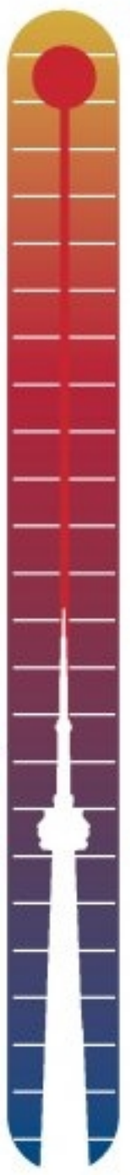

Dubai 44°
Dubai, United Arab Emirates: If you think it was bad in Toronto, try sweating it out in Dubai, which reached a high of 44 C Wednesday.

TORONTO'S HIGHEST
The highest temperature on record in Toronto was 40.6 C, recorded Aug. 8, 1936.

Phoenix, Ariz.: This popular destination for Canadian snowbirds also topped out at 35 C.

Phoenix 35°

Nassau, Bahamas: The high Wednesday in this Caribbean capital was a balmy 33 C.

33° Nassau

32° Cairo
Cairo, Egypt: The temperature in the Middle East's largest city reached 32 C.

N'djamena 32°
N'djamena, Chad: The capital of Chad is considered among the hottest cities on the planet and hit a high of 32 C.

GRAPHIC ANDRES PLANA/METRO

Pride director steps down

MATHIEU CHANTELOIS

Executive took the position 18 months ago

Mathieu Chantelois, the executive director of Pride Toronto, has resigned "to pursue an opportunity with another organization."

Pride Toronto spokesperson Victoria Schwarzl confirmed the organization is now searching for a new executive director.

"I presented my resignation to the board after the festival, and I currently work at Cineplex Media. I decided it was time for me to move on, and I wish Pride the best in the future," Chantelois said in an emailed statement.

Pride Toronto staff allegedly raised concerns to the board over Chantelois in an email in the days following the Pride parade, according to a report from Global News. The note outlines allegations of racism, sexism and sexual harassment among other concerns with the executive director over his 18-month tenure.

"I am saddened by the allegations and attacks on my reputation that are now being made publicly," Chantelois said in an emailed statement to Torstar News Service.

Mathieu Chantelois signs a list of demands from the Black Lives Matters movement as they stage a sit-in at the annual Pride Parade in Toronto on July 3. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

> "Who's deciding what's in the parade is the membership, and my community. Mathieu Chantelois

Chantelois became the executive director of Pride Toronto in January 2015. Last month, he made headlines by signing an agreement with Black Lives Matter Toronto, which, among other things, agreed to exclude police floats from future Pride Toronto parades.

Black Lives Matter stopped the parade for 30 minutes until their demands were met. Those demands included increasing funding and support for Black Queer Youth events, Blockorama, reinstating the South Asian stage, and hiring black trans women and indigenous people.

"We are under attack," Alexandria Williams, one of the group's co-founders said during the sit-in. "Pride Toronto, we are calling you out! For your anti-blackness, your anti-indigeneity," she said.

Chantelois and Pride Toronto board co-chair Alica Hall signed the demands.

"Their requests were extremely reasonable," Chantelois said at the time. "Everything was making a lot of sense."

But the next day, he said banning police floats wasn't his decision to make.

"What's important for people to know is that I'm not deciding what's in the parade, Alica (Hall, co-chair of Pride Toronto's board of directors) doesn't decide what's in the parade, Black Lives Matter doesn't . . . decide what's in the parade," Chantelois said.

"Who's deciding what's in the parade is the membership, and my community. . . We will let them have the final word."

Chantelois had support from parts of Toronto's LGBTQ community, but also his fair share of critics. Christin Milloy, a trans rights activist, was among those who argued Pride Toronto marginalized trans, racialized and disabled members.

"I see (his resignation) as a positive change. It's important that Pride select a replacement who is truly going to listen to marginalized communities," Milloy said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HISTORY

Key moments from Pride Toronto's history:

Trademarking Pride
Pride Toronto came under fire in July 2015 when it came to light the organization was attempting to trademark the names "Dyke March" and "Trans* Pride." Chantelois said the attempt was done to protect them from someone else trademarking them.

Queers Against Israeli Apartheid
Queers Against Israeli Apartheid marched in the Pride parade since 2010, but always with some controversy as critics accused QAIA of promoting "hate speech." In 2011, then-mayoral candidate John Tory said Pride Toronto should be denied funding if QAIA marched.

Black Lives Matter
Black Lives Matter Toronto was the source of weeks of headlines following the 2016 Pride parade after the group stopped the parade until demands were met, including the barring police.

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Councillor 'exasperated' over Beach chain eatery

RESTAURANTS

City looking if Carters Landing is in compliance

Tuggs Inc., which won a controversial city lease extension in part to keep chain restaurants out of a prime Beach location, is now hosting a chain eatery run by Canada's biggest full-service restaurant operator.

Carters Landing — part of Cara Operations Ltd. which has more than 1,000 restaurants including Harvey's, Swiss Chalet and Milestones — opened July 1 at Ashbridge's Bay. Tuggs is subleasing the space to Cara.

The restaurant is next door to a Tim Hortons that opened last spring on the site of Tuggs' former Boardwalk Pub.

City staff are looking at Carters Landing and whether Tuggs is complying with terms of the lease that prohibits the subleasing of property without city council approval. Last spring staff said that Tim Hortons was allowed there because Tuggs owner George Foulidis is the franchisee and not subletting.

Foulidis says Carters Landing is abiding by the terms of the lease and that approval from the city has been requested.

Carters Landing is part of a seven-eatery "upscale casual" chain bought by Cara in 2014.

An "exasperated" Mary-Margaret McMahon, the local city councillor, called the latest chain opening, in space formerly occupied by Foulidis's Paralia seafood restaurant, "a slap in the face" for her residents.

"The guy just seems to operate under his own rules and this has been the case since 2010," when city council affirmed Foulidis's 20-year lease extension on a prime waterfront spot overlooking busy Woodbine Beach, she said.

"Any restaurateur and chef would give their eye teeth for that site, which I would argue is the best in the city."

McMahon said she wasn't criticizing the new restaurant, which has a huge patio overlooking the beach, but its opening before city council has had a say.

In a statement, Foulidis said: "Carters Landing is operating business pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement between the City of Toronto and Tuggs. The parties have requested consent from the City pursuant to the terms of the lease to formalize a legal tenancy relationship with Carter's Landing."

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Carters Landing, which opened July 1, is on the site of the former Boardwalk Pub. Tuggs Inc. has the city lease for the prime beachfront spot where Tuggs owner George Foulidis opened a Tim Hortons franchise last spring. DAVID RIDER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> The guy just seems to operate under his own rules.
> Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon

REGULATIONS

Students set up junk-food protest store

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A group of Toronto students are opening a pop-up corner store in an elaborate protest against government proposals to regulate junk food.

The Nanny State Corner Store will be open Thursday at Bathurst and Lawrence. Its shelves will be stocked with chocolate bars, chips and pop adorned with logos warning hungry patrons about their health effects.

Rather than sell the snacks, the store will be giving them away for free.

Students for Liberty, a network of over 100 students from different universities in Toronto, is behind the stunt. Group member David Clement hopes it sparks a discussion about the limits of government interventions in our diets.

"These ridiculous proposals are aimed at infantilizing the lifestyle of adults," he said. "It's simply a growing trend of limiting consumer choice and that's not acceptable."

Both the federal and provincial governments have mused about new taxes and labeling restrictions for unhealthy food, alcohol and tobacco products. Documents obtained this week by the Canadian Press show the federal Liberals are considering a tax on soft drinks, while Public Health Ontario has suggested adding more graphic packaging to alcohol.

Clement said his group doesn't dispute that some products can be dangerous or unhealthy, but he said people should be able to make their own choices about whether to consume them. "Eliminating colour from a tobacco package isn't going to stop people from smoking," he said.

The pop-up store will be open for one day only, at 3148 Bathurst St. from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Ryan Shea, left, and David Clement say the state has no business in the dinner tables of the nation. CONTRIBUTED

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City refunds subway charges

SCARBOROUGH EXTENSION

Developers had appealed fees meant to pay for project

After a powerful developers group challenged key numbers in the city's transit planning process for the Scarborough subway, a settlement approved Wednesday means the city will now collect millions of dollars less to pay for the project.

The deal comes eight months after the Building Industry and Land Development Association, BILD, launched an appeal at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), over the amount of money being charged to developers so the city can pay to connect the Bloor-Danforth subway line to the Scarborough Town Centre, replacing the aging Scarborough RT.

That appeal has also left questions about the reliability and precision of ridership numbers and their role in influencing political decisions worth billions of dollars.

The agreement, approved by the OMB, means the city must now refund a portion of the charges to all developers who were issued building permits on or after Aug. 1, 2015, to reflect a 10 per cent reduction in the rate. Any future charges will be calculated at the new rate.

Future ridership for the one-stop Scarborough subway extension has been estimated by city staff at 7,300 in the busiest direction at the busiest hour. ANDREW LAHODYNSKYJ/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

A city spokesperson said they have yet to tally the total amount to be refunded. But a secret report from staff to council, the contents of which were earlier shared with Torstar News Service, estimated the refund at $2 million with interest and total revenue loss estimated between $4 and 6 million, when taking future charges into consideration.

In 2013, city council scrapped plans for a seven-stop LRT from Kennedy Station to Eglinton Ave. East that would have been paid for by the province in full. A controversial vote saw council — spurred on by then mayor Rob Ford and Scarborough councillors — agree instead to build a three-stop subway that would cost $2 billion more.

That decision came after a last-minute update to ridership estimates presented by city staff, which jumped from 9,500 to 14,000 people in the busiest direction at the busiest time — a figure that just barely justified the need for a higher-capacity subway.

In order to build the more expensive connection, city staff originally estimated an additional $910 million would need to be raised for the city's contribution alone, $165 million of which would hopefully come from development charges.

So, council imposed a city-wide development charge, which came into effect in 2015, specifically to fund the subway. The money is collected when building permits are approved, charged on a per-unit basis for residential buildings and a per-square-metre basis for commercial buildings.

The rates for the subway charge were determined by a calculation based on the city's controversial 14,000 ridership projection.

Since the appeal was launched, top city officials have defended the figure but made contradictory statements about the planning process that produced it.

The city's chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat claimed the process was "problematic" and "rushed." Later, Mayor John Tory — who backed both the three-stop subway and a new revised plan — said the original proposal was not based in any planning rationale but rather "on a sketch on a piece of paper." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GO train platform changes in effect at Union Station

Starting Wednesday, many GO Transit commuters had to board their trains from a different platform at Union Station due to construction.

As the next phase of the Union Station Revitalization Project gets underway, platforms 11, 12 and 13 will be closed as crews are "refurbishing the steel train shed structure and installing a new roof."

Passengers on the Kitchener, Barrie, Richmond Hill, Lakeshore West and Lakeshore East lines will be impacted. GO Transit has provided an updated list of where passengers can board their trains.

According to GO Transit, construction and platform adjustments will continue for the next two years until the project is complete.

"The revitalized structure and new roof will result in a safer, more comfortable experience for our customers by protecting them and our infrastructure from the elements," GO Transit said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FATALITY

Witnesses sought in hit-and-run

A man killed in a hit-and-run in Vaughan Monday night has been identified by York Regional Police as 35-year-old Adam Colucci, of Woodbridge.

Const Andy Pattenden said that Colucci had left the Pinecrest Motel on Highway 7, near Costa Road, at around 11:25 p.m., and began walking westbound along the highway.

Shortly after, Colucci was hit and fatally injured by a vehicle — which later fled. He was pronounced dead at the scene by first responders.

Police are looking for details on the vehicle that hit Colucci, a suspect description, or even why Colucci was staying at the motel in the first place.

While surveillance footage of the nearby area has since been found at the motel, Pattenden said police are looking for more information. Any witnesses who might have been near the area between 11:25 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Monday are being asked to call police. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Five injured after boat crashes into rocks

Five people are in serious but non-life-threatening condition after a boat struck some rocks at Humber Bay Shores Park on Wednesday evening, police say.

The circumstances surrounding the collision are still unclear. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Nearly 100 trees in Trinity Bellwoods Park were flagged with serious defects after the 2013 ice storm. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Trees 'can no longer be an afterthought'

metro EXCLUSIVE

Fatal fall grabs city's attention much too late, experts say

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

The tree at the centre of a fatal accident in Trinity Bellwoods Park was flagged as a potential hazard almost two years ago, documents obtained by Metro show.

It was only after a man was killed by a falling branch on June 17 that the city rushed to fix the problem.

The Siberian elm was at risk for disease or decay if left untreated, according to an audit of trees done after the 2013 ice storm.

There's no evidence the issue identified with the Siberian elm caused the fatal fall, Matthew Cutler, the city's parks and recreation department spokesman, said in an email to Metro.

An inspection after the accident "didn't find any rot or any disease" and city staff has been "systematically" inspecting all trees at Trinity Bellwoods since, he said.

The same report found 97 other trees in the park had "more serious defects," including cracked limbs and dead wood, that needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

The majority were treated through the city's emerald ash borer program, Cutler said.

Local arborist Todd Irvine gave the city's tree program good marks, but said it's clear more needs to be done. "It's only when something falls and hurts someone, in this case at Trinity Bellwoods, that we stand up and go, 'Oh jeez, we should be caring for these things,'" he said. "We can no longer have trees be an afterthought or as the last thing that we consider."

Cutler said the city is already making plans for change.

Right now, trees are pruned at least once every 15 years. The goal was to increase the frequency to every seven years by 2016 — a target that's since pushed to 2023 because of budget pressures, the ice storm and the ash borer.

Janet McKay, executive director of LEAF, a non-profit devoted to protecting the urban forest, said the city will need to dedicate additional resources to tree care as climate change leads to more frequent storms and droughts.

Her organization is calling on all levels of government to better fund and protect green infrastructure.

MAPPED | Tree maintenance in Trinity Bellwoods Park

Status of trees after 2014 ice storm

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Paramedics aid a student injured in an attack by Somalia's Al-Qaeda-linked Shebab gunmen on campus in Garissa last year. East African ex-pats hope Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan's visit to the region will explore options to help deal with terrorism there. CARL DE SOUZA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

East African terror must stop: Ex-pats

GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Holding out hope Canada's Minister of Defence helps

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

East Africans living in Toronto are asking Canada's defence minister to help tackle terrorism in their native countries.

Minister Harjit Sajjan is on a tour through Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Canada is not participating in United Nations peacekeeping efforts in the region, but ex-pats in Toronto are hoping Sajjan will change that.

"I don't think our countries are well equipped to dismantle terrorism," said Peter Kariuki, a Kenyan national who's lived in Toronto six years. He believes Canadian expertise is needed to dismantle Al-Shabaab and other terrorist organizations operating in East Africa.

Harjit Sajjan
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kenya has been rocked by terrorist attacks in recent years. In 2015, gunmen opened fire on the Garissa University campus, killing nearly 150 people. A similar attack in 2013 at the Westgate shopping mall, killed 67 people and injured over 200.

"As a citizen of Kenya, even though I don't live there, that's what is always on my mind when the word security is mentioned," Kariuki said.

He would like to see Canadian forces co-operating with their Kenyan counterparts in military intelligence, so violent plans could be thwarted.

Ex-pats worry that even in relatively peaceful countries like Tanzania, terrorists could easily cross the border.

"East Africa is a very dangerous region where terrorism can grow if nothing is done to properly tackle it," said Joseph Rebello, a Tanzanian in Toronto.

He thinks Canada could play a role in helping his native country develop better security checks and border controls.

Others, including Congolese native Gervais Hudson, believe Canada should be wary about intervening too forcefully in the affairs of other nations. He wants to see his country chart its own route to peace.

"No one will help us if we don't stop the madness ourselves," he says.

COLLISION

Police look at dashcam footage

Peel police are reviewing a video from a dashboard camera that has gone viral on YouTube, showing a driver who appears to have the right of way colliding with a car that turns into a Brampton intersection. Someone claiming to be the driver posted the video online, alleging they were wrongly charged, while the other driver got off.

A Peel police spokesperson said the force is reviewing the video — which had 900,000 views as of Wednesday afternoon.

Driver claims he was unfairly charged for a collision in which he had right of way, as captured by his dashcam. YOUTUBE

The video footage shows the car with the dashcam had a green light as it approached the intersection, going straight, when the car driven by the woman approaching from the opposite direction turns left into the intersection and strikes the other vehicle.

It's unclear if the video was made available to the officer at the scene.

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Teacher suspended after speech at rally

PROTEST

School board investigating after group complaint

A Mississauga teacher has been suspended after at least one advocacy group alleged she participated in an anti-Israel protest.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board says Nadia Shoufani, a teacher at St. Catherine of Siena school, has been suspended with pay pending further investigation by the board.

The board says concerns were raised by "the community and public at large" over Shoufani's "professional conduct," and says it has brought those issues to the attention of the Ontario College of Teachers for investigation and review.

It would not, however, confirm a connection to the protest.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, the advocacy arm of the Jewish Federations of Canada-UIA, says the suspension was prompted by comments Shoufani made at the Al-Quds Day event at Queen's Park in early July.

The group says it filed a complaint after Shoufani allegedly called on the public to "support the resistance (against Israel) in any form."

"We applaud the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board for taking decisive action by suspending Shoufani," said Berl Nadler, the organization's co-chair in the Toronto area.

"It is disturbing to think that someone who is entrusted with the responsibilities of a teacher would be among the leading voices at a toxic, anti-Semitic event like Al-Quds Day."

Shoufani did not immediately respond to a request for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teacher Nadia Shoufani is under investigation by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board following a speech she made at a pro-Palestine rally in early July. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GAMBLING

Lottery win begins 'spiral' for man

Ten years ago, Dan Carley was a young man celebrating a $5-million lottery win with his parents, friends and fiancée.

Today, the 35-year-old St. Catharines man is locked up in a detention centre en route to a federal penitentiary, sentenced last week to two and a half years for cocaine trafficking.

The intervening years saw a series of poor investments aggravated by drug use and being around "questionable characters," a cautionary tale in the scrolls of the "lottery curse," his former attorney, family and friends say.

How did things go so wrong?

"Am I proud of the decisions he's made earlier in his life?" said his mother, Donna Carley. "No I'm not.

"Am I proud of the way he's decided to own up to his choices? Yes I am," she told the Star Wednesday.

Dan Carley's life hit a new high on Feb. 21, 2006. He bought a dozen $10 Ontario Big Game scratch tickets at a local convenience store and struck gold — the largest instant cash prize in provincial history at that time.

The future looked peachy. Days after hitting the jackpot, he helped his friend kick off a new charity event for multiple sclerosis, according to a Niagara This Week report at the time. Three years later, his then-common-law spouse — they're now separated — gave birth, according to his longtime lawyer, Brenda Sandulak. Things went downhill from there. Roughly half of the cash was gone within three years of the win, according to Sandulak, who did not represent Carley in his cocaine trafficking case (her husband, Ron Charlebois, did).

"The lottery win began a spiral that took him into some pretty heavy-duty drug addiction, and he was thinking not very clearly for a long period of time," Sandulak said. "The fast lifestyle turned into a disaster, quite frankly."

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Libs' costly scramble

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Emails reveal rush to get minister home for C-14 vote

Federal officials scrambled to book costly last-minute flights in order to bring a cabinet minister back to Ottawa earlier this year in time for an expected vote on the government's controversial doctor-assisted dying bill.

Marie-Claude Bibeau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

International Development Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau was attending a conference in Copenhagen when officials at Global Affairs Canada got word the Liberals wanted her back in the House of Commons — and quickly.

"We just received a call from the whip's office," a staffer wrote to Bibeau and his colleagues in one of several emails obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

"The Minister needs to be back in Ottawa for a vote tomorrow afternoon. She is to be back for 3 p.m.," he wrote in the May 17 email, sent at 4:53 p.m.

He added: "I am not joking."

The mad dash from around the world followed an embarrassing near-miss for the Liberals, when the New Democrats and Conservatives caught chief government whip Andrew Leslie off guard with a surprise vote on an Air Canada bill.

That prompted Leslie and his office to pull out all the stops to avoid being similarly caught out when it came time to vote on Bill C-14, the controversial assisted-suicide legislation — including calling a handful of cabinet ministers home from overseas trips.

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Killer whales and humpback whales off Jordan River, B.C., west of Victoria, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

VANCOUVER

Whale watchers see battle of behemoths

A whale watching association says a battle between some of the largest creatures in the seas off the coast of British Columbia appeared to end with the human equivalent of fist waving and name calling, although they can't be sure of the outcome.

Several whale watching boats at the western edge of the Salish Sea off Jordan River on Vancouver Island spotted a group of transient orcas surrounding two adult humpback whales and a calf on Sunday.

Mark Malleson, a whale watching captain and marine researcher, witnessed the fight.

He says in a news release issued by the Pacific Whale Watch Association that encounters between humpbacks and transient orcas, also known as Bigg's killer whales, rarely result in a kill.

Transient orcas eat marine mammals but Malleson says it seems as if the species "just likes bugging" the much bigger humpbacks.

Naturalist Valerie Shore also saw the standoff from another boat and says most of the action happened below the surface but there was huffing, puffing and occasional swipes of their tails from the humpbacks as they blocked access to the calf.

She says the adult humpbacks finally chased off the orcas, but she and her crew suspect the calf may have suffered a torn tail, although they couldn't get close enough to confirm it. "We saw what we thought at the time was a large blood burst," Shore says in the release from the association.

Malleson radioed later to say the burst was whale feces, which Shore speculates may have been a defence mechanism or the response of a very frightened young humpback.

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This is female powerlifting

EDMONTON

Weightlifters aim to change social media's focus on looks

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

"This is the unsexiest sport."

As sports go, power lifting isn't the most attractive, said competitive lifter Beans Ludlow.

"We literally dress in a potato sack and, like, have our gut pressed against our belt with a tomato puffer fish face," she said.

Which is why Ludlow and group of female lifters in Edmonton are increasingly bewildered — not to mention frustrated — by what they say is social media's growing fixation with the looks of women who lift big weight.

So Ludlow, along with her training partners Angelina Van Ryswyk, Gaïa Willis and Darron Bunt, have created an online community that celebrates the sport they love, the way they see it.

Darron Bunt, Gaïa Willis, Beans Ludlow and Angelina Van Ryswyk are competitive powerlifters who are fed up with those who focus on the appearance of female athletes. KEVIN TUONG/METRO

Since launching in May, This is Female Powerlifting has gained almost 3,000 followers on Instagram, and their new website launches soon.

Powerlifting clearly isn't for the faint of heart — or back, arms, or anything really. It's a strength sport where competitors do three lifts: squats, bench press, and deadlifts.

Collectively, the group has competed provincially, nationally and internationally, and all say they fell in love with the sport because it celebrates strength — something they've tried to reflect in the new project.

"It's the successes, it's the failures, it's celebrating everything about the sport and things women are doing," Bunt said.

Noticeably absent are hashtags like #bootygains and #peachgang that have become popular among some in the lifting community. Instead, they've swapped in a few invented hashtags of their own, like #liftugly and #wedontoweyoupretty.

This isn't a quibble about whether or not lifters are attractive though — it's that attractiveness is beside the point.

> **I don't care what you look like. I just want to see you lift.**
> Darron Bunt

Bunt points out that the Olympics have made it clear that female athletes are still judged differently than their male peers — with recent stories highlighting females Olympians looks, husbands or clothing.

"I think we're getting better at having it be acceptable for women to be strong, but where we're still tripping is on the physical aesthetic," Van Ryswyk added. "Not only do you have to be strong and fit, but you need abs, shoulder caps and to look nice in a bikini."

All are quick to point out that they're proud of the bodies they've built, and they celebrate any athlete who wants to show off, with booty shots or otherwise. They just don't want looks to be the main attraction, or newcomers to the sport to feel like they've got to glam up to fit in.

POLICE

Terror suspect killed in Ontario

A terrorism suspect was killed in a confrontation with police in the southern Ontario town of Strathroy.

The Mounties say they received credible information of a potential terrorist threat earlier in the day.

They say a suspect was identified and the "proper course of action has been taken" to ensure that there was no danger to the public.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said he had spoken to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau about the events "to confirm that public safety has been and continues to be properly protected."

The RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and other police and security agencies were involved in the operations, he added.

Taking all relevant information into account, the national terrorism threat level for Canada remains at "medium" where it has stood since the fall of 2014, Goodale added.

In Strathroy, resident Irene Lee said late Wednesday that police had been camped out near her parents' convenience store since about 4:15 p.m.

At about that time, she said she was at her home close by when she heard a loud noise. She said shortly afterward, a police officer came by to tell residents to stay inside their homes.

Lee said there were up to 25 marked and unmarked cruisers outside a home on Park Street, which is right behind her parents' store. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Batman with a Metro News logo, drawn by Riley Rossmo.

From comic clerk to drawing the Dark Knight

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Riley Rossmo chases the dissatisfaction in his work.

The Calgary artist went from working behind the counter at Another Dimension Comics almost a decade ago to drawing his first two issues of Batman, out this fall.

It's a dream for anyone caught doodling behind the counter, but Rossmo is far from satisfied.

Let's pull back the pages a bit to the first day Rossmo seemingly hit the big time: a publisher had agreed to put out his first book, and they sent a box of the comics to him.

"I took one out, I touched it — and all I could see was mistakes," he recalled.

Now he wakes up and draws Batman. And every time he's satisfied with a layout, he wants to work harder on his marks — or if the marks are up to par, it's his brush stroke.

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Man scales Trump Tower

NEW YORK

Climber with suction cups leads police on chase

A man spent more than 2 1/2 hours scaling the glass facade of Trump Tower on Wednesday using large suction cups, climbing as high as the 21st floor before police officers grabbed him and hauled him to safety through an open window.

The climber had a backpack and used a harness and rope stirrups to fasten himself to the side of the 58-storey Manhattan skyscraper.

Police officers smashed windows and broke through a ventilation duct in an attempt to block his progress. Officers also lowered themselves toward him using a window washer's platform.

For a long time, the climber played a slow-motion cat-and-mouse game with his would-be rescuers, keeping his distance by methodically working his way back and forth across the facade and angled corners of the building. When would-be rescuers smashed a window above him, he ducked to avoid big shards of glass that fell.

The chase ended dramatically just after 6:30 p.m.

As a crowd gasped on the street below, two officers leaning far out of a window frame where the glass was removed grabbed the climber's arm and backpack, and in a flash yanked him from his dangling stirrups.

He went through the opening head first, his legs pointed skyward.

Police had deployed large, inflated crash pads at the scene, but it was unclear whether they were positioned close enough to where the man was climbing to offer any protection if he fell.

The tower is headquarters to Donald Trump's Republican presidential campaign and his business empire. Trump also lives there, though he was in Virginia in the afternoon and was headed to Florida for an evening event.

"This man performed a ridiculous and dangerous stunt," Michael Cohen, an executive at the Trump Organization, said in an emailed statement.

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A man scales the all-glass face of the 58-storey Trump Tower in New York, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CYPRUS

Chariot race mosaic found

A mosaic floor dating to the 4th century and depicting scenes from a chariot race in the hippodrome has been uncovered, the only one of its kind in Cyprus and one of only a handful in the world, a Cypriot archaeologist said Wednesday.

Cyprus Antiquities Department archaeologist Fryni Hadjichristofi said that out of the many hundreds of ancient mosaic floors discovered around the world, only around seven depict similar chariot races at the hippodrome. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A rare mosaic floor from the 4th century. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

Daily ceasefires declared for Aleppo

The Russian military said that fighting in Aleppo will cease for three hours daily to allow humanitarian aid deliveries, but it was unclear whether rebels had agreed.

The Russian military said the ceasefires will occur from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. local time starting Thursday. A UN official said a break in fighting for at least 48 hours was needed to get aid into the city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

Newborns die as fire rips through maternity ward

Burnt incubators stand outside Yarmouk hospital. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A fire ripped through a maternity ward at a Baghdad hospital overnight, killing 12 newborn babies, government officials said Wednesday, a deadly blaze that was likely caused by faulty electrical wiring.

By morning, grief-stricken fathers searched for their missing newborns in vain while angry relatives gathered outside the Yarmouk hospital in western Baghdad blamed the government for the tragedy. Some of the babies who perished were prematurely born, a doctor at the hospital said.

The hospital director, Saad Hatem Ahmed, said the blaze broke out late on Tuesday night and that the initial investigation indicated it was an electrical fire.

Shaima Hassan stood dazed and trembling in shock.

"I waited for ages to have this baby and when I finally had him, it took only a second to lose him," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RETAIL

Giant Tiger looking at an expanded role

For 55 years, Giant Tiger's smiling feline mascot has beckoned shoppers, mostly in small towns and cities, and those making a pit stop on the way to the cottage.

But after years of operating under the radar amid intense competition against rivals like Walmart and the now defunct Target Canada, the company is setting its sights on becoming a household name.

The Ottawa-based retailer currently operates 220 stores and has a goal of opening 10 to 15 new stores every year for the next three to five years.

The company also has plans to revamp the design of its locations and increase its product offerings in order to build a better shopping experience. Growing its e-commerce business has also been a top priority.

Selling everything from groceries to big-screen TVs, the national discount chain credits the key to its survival and more importantly, its success over the last half-century, to delivering value to shoppers in the know.

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Giant Tiger plans to revamp the design of its locations. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Delta struggles through third day of problems

Delta fliers faced delays, cancellations and more headaches Wednesday as the Atlanta-based airline struggled with its computer systems for the third straight day. Nearly 300 flights were cancelled by the afternoon.

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A storm-damaged barley field near Cremona, Alta., on Tuesday tells the tale of two summers — too much rain in the west and drought in the east. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concerns are raised over state of crops

HARVEST

Farmers deal with drought in east, rain on the prairies

It's a tale of two summers this year in Canada, with rain — and the lack of it — causing concerns about the state of the country's crops.

In Ontario, officials are forecasting a strong fruit harvest but add that unusually dry conditions could mean some crops will have smaller yields and costs will be higher for many farmers.

"This year is definitely one of the driest, if not the driest, we have on record for April through July," said Environment Canada meteorologist Peter Kimbell.

Nonetheless, Ontario's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs says the fruit harvest could be double last year's — when spring frost hurt apple crops, in particular.

That's despite the fact that vegetables like broccoli, corn and soybeans are struggling in the low-moisture, high-heat conditions the province is facing this summer.

Charles Stevens, an apple and berry grower and chairman of the Ontario Apple Growers, said the lack of moisture has forced many farmers to "hand thin" — picking fruit before it ripens to ensure that the fruit that remains can grow to maturity, which reduces the size of the harvest and drives up costs.

The story is the reverse in the prairies, where relentless rainstorms in Alberta and Saskatchewan have meant increased risk of rot and disease in what could otherwise be a bumper year.

Daphne Cruise, a Saskatchewan crop specialist, said lentils and other pulses, which farmers planted in big numbers because of the increased price and their recent popularity among consumers, are most vulnerable to the moisture.

The big rainstorms across the prairies have also brought lots of hail, sometimes the size of tennis balls, something Cruise notes has further damaged crops. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON A PATRONAGE PROBLEM

Perhaps for fear of undermining the credibility of the panel tasked with vetting the Energy East pipeline, the Liberal government has not asked Harper's pre-election appointees to recuse themselves.

In the dying days of his government, Stephen Harper went to considerable lengths to ensure that the National Energy Board panel tasked with vetting the controversial Energy East pipeline be made up of commissioners hand-picked by the Conservatives — regardless of the election outcome.

In the months prior to the election call, Harper re-appointed to various boards and agencies dozens of people whose terms were not due to expire until after the federal election.

In the case of the NEB, Harper handed Justin Trudeau a full roster. The Liberals will not have a vacancy to fill among the temporary members of the board until 2018 — by which time it will have reported on all major pipeline projects currently in the works. The next permanent vacancy will not come up until after the next federal election.

Two of the three members of the Energy East panel that, as of this week, has been conducting hearings into TransCanada's plan to link Alberta's oilfields to the Atlantic Coast were among Harper's appointments.

In the normal scheme of events, Jacques Gauthier and Lyne Mercier would have been up for replacement in December 2015 — almost a full month after the swearing-in of Trudeau's government.

Trudeau has reiterated his government's determination to restore public confidence in the pipeline process.

Instead, both had their terms preventively renewed over the final weeks and months of the last Conservative Parliament.

It is a rare person who gets appointed to a public task by a prime minister not once or twice but three times over less than a decade.

HOLDOVERS The National Energy Board's Energy East Panel: Roland George, Lyne Mercier and Jacques Gauthier. Mercier and Gauthier were appointed by Stephen Harper. CONTRIBUTED

Gauthier is such a rarity.

Remember the 2010 Vancouver Olympic winter games and the viral controversy that erupted in the face of a distinct deficit of French at the opening ceremony? Gauthier happened to head the advisory council responsible for insuring that the games reflected Canada's linguistic duality.

Notwithstanding that public relations fiasco, he also served on the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on the Public Service prior to being appointed and reappointed to the NEB.

After iPolitics uncovered Harper's deathbed patronage spree, the incoming Liberal government did write to 33 Conservative appointees to ask them to voluntarily relinquish their functions.

But perhaps for fear of undermining the credibility of the Energy East panel even before it had begun its public hearings, or to deflect accusations that it was interfering with an independent tribunal, it did not — at least in writing — put Gauthier and Mercier on notice.

By the time Trudeau took office, the two had already stretched the notion of the arm's-length relationship that is expected to preside over the dealings between an NEB panel and the proponents and opponents of a given project.

In the months prior to their reappointments by Harper in early 2015, the two participated in a series of private meetings with various Quebec constituencies — mostly but not exclusively from the pro-pipeline corporate sector.

One of those they met was former Quebec premier Jean Charest. He was then a consultant for TransCanada.

When National Observer broke the story last month, the NEB insisted Energy East was not on the agenda. But last week, the agency retracted itself. Notes from the meetings show the pipeline was indeed up for discussion, as were various strategies to advance the file. Gauthier, who initiated the meeting with Charest, specifically wrote in an email obtained by National Observer that he wanted to talk about the TransCanada project.

On Tuesday Environment Minister Catherine McKenna declined to comment on the panel's behind-closed-doors dealings with parties that have a direct or indirect interest in the outcome of its review of Energy East, or their potential impact on the NEB's credibility as an independent agency. But ignoring the elephant in the room will not make it go away.

Since he has become prime minister, Trudeau has reiterated his government's determination to restore public confidence in the pipeline approval process. With NEB reform out of their reach for the foreseeable future, the Liberals have committed to hold separate additional consultations focused on the environment and the rights of indigenous people prior to the cabinet coming to a final decision.

But the NEB, whose official task it is to determine if a pipeline is in the national interest and recommend accordingly a way forward to the government, remains a cornerstone of the process and it is hard to build on sand.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

Forget the hijab and just watch the women play

Deena Douara
For Metro

The image is a Rorschach test. You know, that tool psychologists use to determine you feel abandoned by your father.

Objectively, the photo shows two young female athletes leaping for the same volleyball after working very hard to earn a spot at the Rio Games. One of them is wearing a bikini, the other full sleeves, tight pants and hijab.

Beyond those 38 words, the next 962 are yours to fill in. Does the image represent a clash of civilizations or backwardness of religion? Or does it show unity at the Olympics? The beauty of diversity, and the power of sport?

It's no surprise, perhaps, that what should be a conversation around athleticism, skill and competition instead has become a conversation about what Muslim women wear, after changes before the 2012 Olympics gave women more flexibility on what they could wear in beach volleyball. Allowing the hijab was a last-minute "concession" this year, according to the BBC.

Considering their outfits pose no harm to themselves or opponents, there is no value to having the what-Muslim-women-wear conversation. You're worried they're hot or that they're putting themselves at a disadvantage? Stop worrying. They've got this. They didn't qualify because of a quota — they earned their spot. You don't like how it looks? Great, don't buy the outfit. They're oppressed? They've made a choice for themselves, are confident enough to not conform to Olympic expectations, excelled at an uncommon sport, and have put themselves before the eyes of millions of judges. I don't know either of the players, but my guess is that they own their story and their decisions, just like the rest of the veiled Egyptian women whom I know.

Nineteen-year-old Doaa Elghobashy told the Associated Press that she has worn the hijab for 10 years. "It doesn't keep me away from the things I love to do," she explained. She and teammate Nada Meawad (not veiled but similarly attired), are the first beach volleyball team from Egypt at the Olympics.

Apparently, Elghobashy placed a higher priority on personal values and beliefs than on some unknown and unquantifiable potential competitive benefit. People I know have called that stupid. I call it admirable. But I also call it irrelevant.

The Egyptian team faces Canada today. What I'll be watching, if I watch, is two teams that have worked hard, put in long hours, overcome doubt, and made personal sacrifices leap towards a ball above a net. Which is really the only thing that's truly knowable about this image.

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CUPPING

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Why do some Olympians look like they just fought off an octopus? Their round, hickey-like marks are from cupping, an alternative therapy that involves putting suction cups on the skin. It's said to treat everything from pain to chickenpox to cancer.

How it works depends on whom you ask: freeing blocked energy; activating natural healing mechanisms; even "drawing out excess fluids and toxins." Here's what you need to know about this trendy (and dubious) procedure.

Cupping is very, very old

Cupping is part of traditional Chinese medicine as well as Middle Eastern healing practices that date back thousands of years. Ancient Greek physician Herodotus was a fan circa 400 BCE, as was the Prophet Muhammad in the sixth century.

There are two main types

"Dry cupping" involves sticking a flame inside of a cup to create a vacuum, then applying it to the body to suck the skin inside. Sometimes a suction pump is used instead. "Wet cupping" combines this with bloodletting by puncturing the skin first.

It has some famous fans

Alternative-health aficionado Gwenyth Paltrow has been cupping since before it was cool. She was photographed in 2004 with the telltale welts on her back. Other devotees include Lena Dunham, Justin Bieber, Jennifer Aniston and Olympic athlete Michael Phelps (shown), who sported cupping marks in the pool earlier this week in Rio.

It can go really wrong

Usually, the only side effect is bruising. Wet cupping, because it requires cutting, has an infection risk. Dry cupping is playing with fire: It involves wielding open flame near bare skin. One case of necrosis (tissue death) and sepsis (blood poisoning) from cupping done repeatedly to the same spot has been reported in Australia.

There's almost no proof it works

Studies of cupping have been small, poorly designed and highly susceptible to bias. There's some indication the practice may help relieve pain, though it's not clear if the benefit is anything other than psychological.

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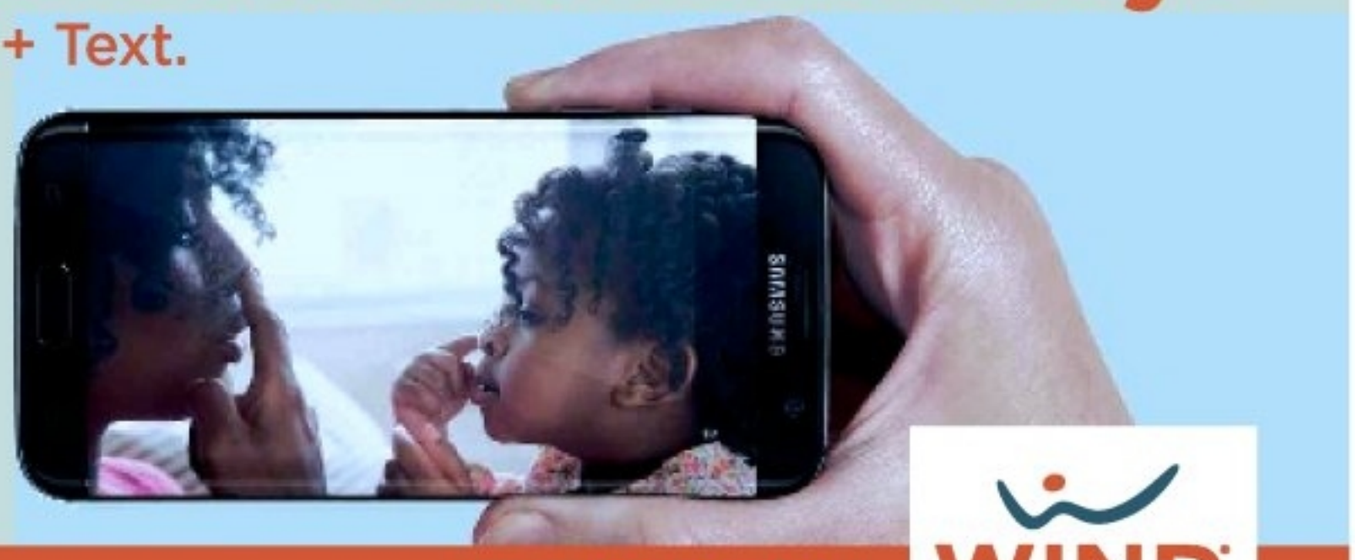

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5 BOOKS FOR FOODIES: FROM HOT DOGS TO GASTRONOMY

Here's the menu: a memoir of eating well (and losing weight) in Naples; a history of Nathan's Famous, the Coney Island hot-dog empire; a journey around India's coastline in pursuit of fish; a foodie deconstruction of elBulli's molecular gastronomy; and more than 100 witty ruminations on food and eating.

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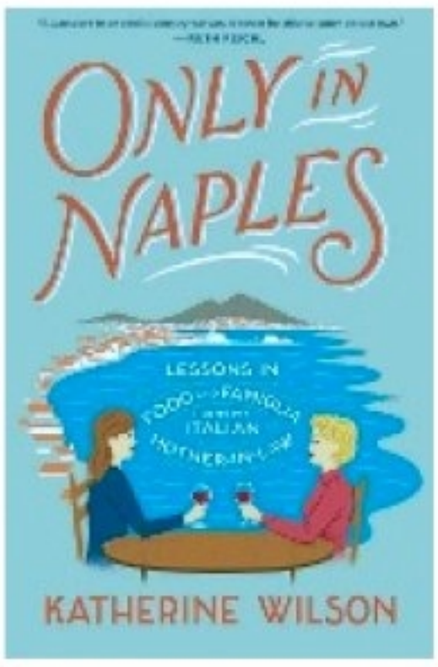
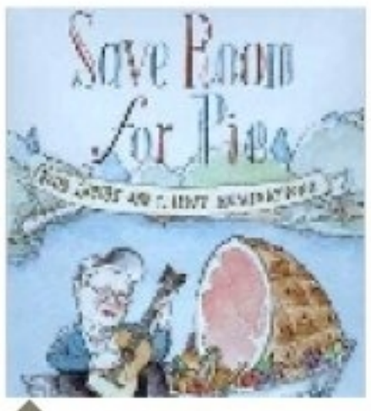


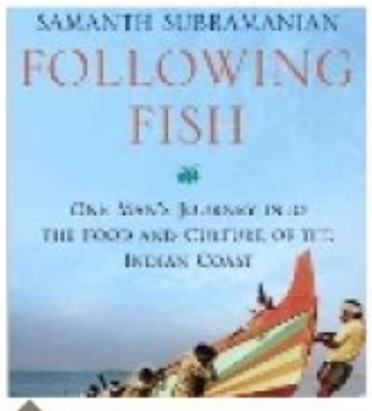
1 Noshing in Naples

When **Katherine Wilson** arrives in Naples for her "experience abroad" (a rite of passage for members of her Washington family), she is a chubby girl with binge-eating disorder. Within six weeks she is eating the Neapolitan way and has lost 20 pounds. Thanks are due to the Avallone family, specifically son Salvatore, the sweet man she falls for, and his mother Raffaella, who teaches her much about life. Reading the memoir **Only in Naples: Lessons in Food and Famiglia from My Italian Mother-In-Law** is like being seated around the crowded Avallone table: you eat well, pick up a smattering of Italian and learn how to cook several of the meals you've consumed.



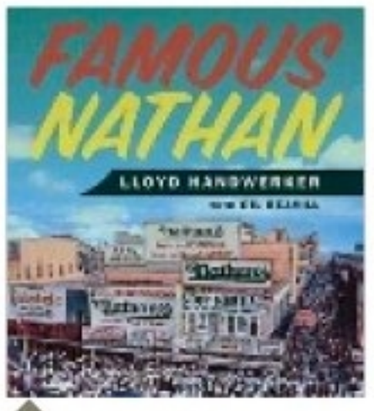
2 Inspiring edibles

Whatever observations about food that Roy Blount Jr. has had over the course of his 75 years have likely found their way into **Saving Room for Pie: Food Songs and Chewy Ruminations.** There are no fewer than 100 ruminations on edibles delivered in many methods: anecdotes, ideas and reminiscences.



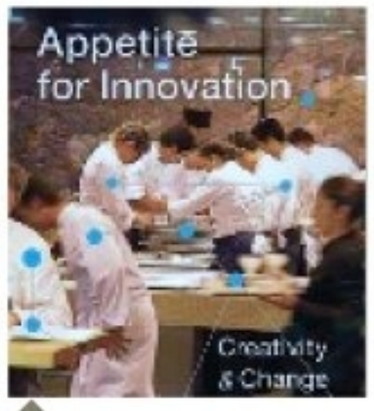
3 Finding wisdom in fish

Following Fish: One Man's Journey into the Food and Culture of the Indian Coast, Samanth Subramanian is a literary travelogue of India's coastline using fish, fishing and fishermen as its frame, an undertaking that inevitably touches on geography, sport, culture and more by **Samanth Subramanian.**



4 A hot dog empire history

Author **Lloyd Handwerker** is the grandson of Nathan Handwerker, the founder of Nathan's Famous, the Coney Island hot-dog legend. **Famous Nathan: A Family Saga of Coney Island, the American Dream, and the Search for the Perfect Hot Dog** is a rollicking food dynasty epic.



5 Appetite for academia?

Appetite for Innovation: Creativity & Change is an academic work by scholar **M. Pilar Opazo** who decided to deconstruct the genius of chef Ferran Adrià at elBulli, the Michelin three-star restaurant in Spain that introduced "molecular gastronomy" and "techno-emotional cooking" to our vocabulary.

This recipe from Gaby Dalkin, who used to be Jessica Simpson's personal chef, makes 10 spring pea crostinis with burrata and prosciutto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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RECIPE

Burrata crostini strikes balance of creamy and crunchy

Gaby Dalkin is a woman after our hearts.

She worships cheese, she's a little clumsy in the kitchen and she wrote a cookbook about avocados.

Oh, and she was previously Jessica Simpson's personal chef.

This Spring Pea Crostini recipe, can be found on Dalkin's What's Gaby Cooking food blog by searching I searched "burrata cheese."

If you've never heard of burrata, know it's a gooey ball of heaven that might change your life.

This lemony and savoury appetizer struck the right balance of creamy and crunchy. It's also surprisingly filling. Eat more than three and consider yourself stuffed.

The original recipe called for California Dry Jack cheese, but we substituted Old Amsterdam premium aged gouda.

The blog: What's Gaby Cooking, a food blog featuring California-inspired recipes.

The quote: "Can we talk about my love affair with California burrata cheese, because it's intense!

"Given the opportunity, I could take down a pound or two in a matter of minutes. When it comes to self-control, it goes straight out the window when burrata cheese is involved!"

For more of Dalkin's recipes, visit whatsgabycooking.com.

Spring Pea Crostini with Burrata and Prosciutto

Makes 10 Crostinis

Ingredients:

- 1 baguette, sliced on an angle into 10 1-inch pieces. This may not require the whole baguette
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) olive oil
- 1-1/4 cups (310 mL) frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) mint leaves
- 1 garlic clove
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) grated Old Amsterdam premium aged gouda
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) red pepper flakes
- Kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper to taste
- 1 ball burrata cheese, room temperature
- 10 slices prosciutto

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 400F/200C. On a baking tray, place baguette slices flat and drizzle olive oil generously over each.

2. Toast bread for 2 1/2 minutes or until crispy. Flip pieces and repeat. Remove and set crostinis on serving tray.

3. In a large food processor, combine peas, mint, garlic, gouda, lemon juice, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper. Pulse for 30 seconds. Adjust seasoning to taste.

4. On crostinis, slather 2 to 3 tablespoons pea pesto on top of each crostini. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons burrata and top with a piece of prosciutto. Repeat on other crostinis and serve immediately. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Who Shot Sports

Any professional shutterbug will tell you sports photography is among the most challenging aspects of the craft. Gail Buckland, former curator with the Royal Photographic society of Great Britain, scoured more than 50 archives, pulling the work of 165 photographers from 1843 to now for Who Shot Sports. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rugby as art

Ray McManus, an Irish sports photographer and founder of the Sportsfile photography agency, photographed only one rugby match in 2011 — he prefers football and hurling — but it's an award winner, displaying a game in all its mud, sweat and glory that demands pure brawn from players who, unlike most sports, are fitted with minimal protective gear.

Toro

Daniel Ochoa de Olza was propitiously born in a place associated with bulls, Pamplona, Spain where an annual festival puts locals and tourists in the path of rampaging toros. Ochoa de Olza began as a painter before turning to photography and soon became fascinated with bullfighting, capturing images of famed matador Juan Jose Padilla in 2012, a series he called Bullfighter's Comeback. A year earlier, Padilla had been gored by a bull, losing an eye and requiring substantial reconstructive surgery.

Tour de France

At 40, Paolo Pellizzari was a late arrival to the game of sports photography. His sole piece of equipment is a Noblex camera with a panoramic lens that takes 135-degree images similar to the perspective of the human eye. It's an ideal camera to shoot the Tour de France, founded in 1903. The image, taken in 2000 in the village of Saint-Macaire-en-Mauges, captures the chaos of the world's most famous cycling events.

Astrodome

Jim Dow, who taught for decades at prestigious institutions such as Harvard, Princeton and Tufts University, found a particular niche in sports photography, shooting more than 300 baseball stadiums in triptych fashion. The image features the Houston Astrodome, the world's first domed sports stadium, which Dow shot in 1982. (The building, which operated from 1965 to 2000, was partially demolished in 2013 and now sits empty.)

Battle ready

In addition to his work for Sports Illustrated and France's national sports daily, Equipe, French photographer Gerard Rancinan has won numerous international awards covering natural catastrophes and conflicts around the globe, including civil and ethnic wars and urban riots. That experience is exemplified in the warlike, battle-ready pose of French epee fencer Laura Fiessel, a five-time Olympic medal winner, taken in March, 2014.

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Renaissance man mixes science with art in novel

JAY HOSKING

Writer's background helped pen tale of time, memory

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Jay Hosking knows a lot about rats. He understands their motivations and behaviour, and what makes their tiny brains tick.

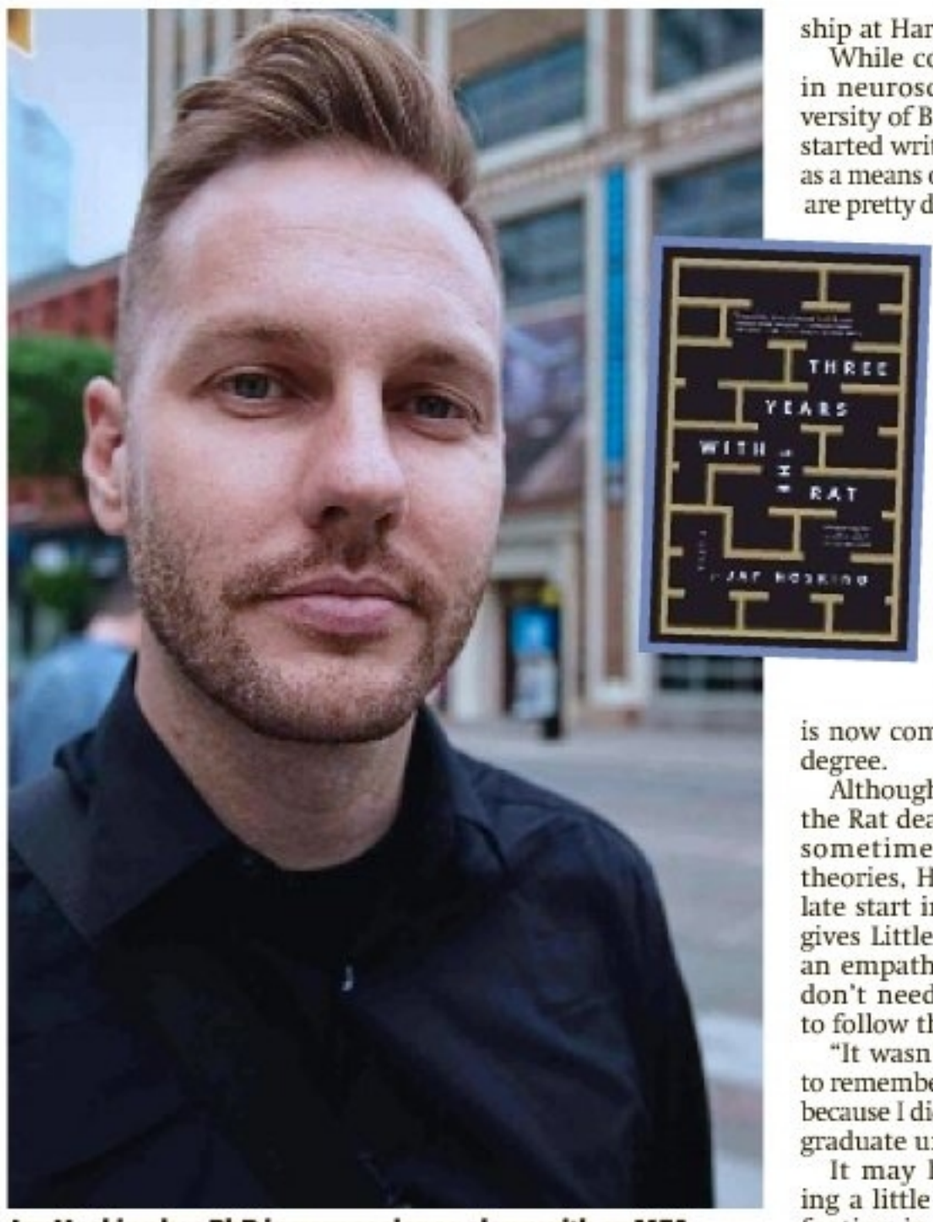
As a neuroscience graduate student at the University of British Columbia, Hosking worked with rodents in a research lab, studying their decision-making skills and teaching them how to gamble. It's not surprising that his debut novel, Three Years with the Rat, wraps together science, psychology, mystery and yes, a rat.

Set in Toronto, Three Years with the Rat follows a young, aimless man only known as "Little Brother" who moves to the city to be closer to his older sister, Grace, a highly intelligent psychophysics graduate student who appears to be losing her grip on reality.

When Grace goes missing, followed by her boyfriend, John, the narrator discovers a large, handmade wooden box in their apartment, along with a lab rat and a note that says "This is the only way back for us."

Their disappearance sets the young man into a spiralling adventure, challenging known theories of time and memory.

While Three Years with the Rat could be easily slotted on the speculative-fiction shelf, the book also deals with relationships, both romantic and familial.



Jay Hosking has PhD in neuroscience along with an MFA creative writing. CONTRIBUTED

Hosking grew up reading classic science fiction, but says he owes more of his writing to the postmodern works of Paul Auster and Haruki Murakami. A self-described arts kid — his grade eight teacher told him, "Whatever you do Jay, don't go into science" — Hosking did his first degree through Fanshawe College's music-production program, working for several years in film and television, before deciding to go back to school for neuroscience at the University of Toronto.

"I was a really late starter in terms of science. I came to that because psychology was something I was really interested in, but I wanted something a little meatier or biologically based," says Hosking, who is now working on his postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University.

While completing his PhD in neuroscience at the University of British Columbia he started writing fiction, mostly as a means of distraction. "PhDs are pretty demanding," he says. "I thought I might go crazy if I kept my head in the lab all the time." He signed up for a fiction course with author Lee Henderson, jokingly calling himself the class's "resident weirdo." Once he finished his PhD, Hosking enrolled in UBC's creative-writing MFA program, where he is now completing his fourth degree.

Although Three Years with the Rat deals with ambitious, sometimes mind-boggling theories, Hosking's relatively late start in studying science gives Little Brother's journey an empathetic edge; readers don't need a physics degree to follow the story.

"It wasn't that challenging to remember knowing nothing because I didn't start my undergraduate until 25," he says.

It may have taken Hosking a little longer to find his footing in both science and writing, but the timing of his book also couldn't be better, thanks to the popular Netflix show Stranger Things, which has re-ignited an interest in stories about time and other dimensions. "There's an amazing discussion happening philosophically in fiction and art," he says. "It's a deep well to be drawing from."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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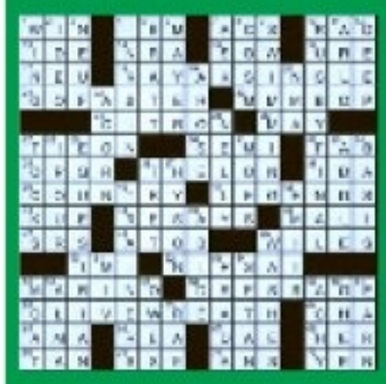

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

A charming tale

Wild's End: The Enemy Within
BY: Dan Abnett and I.N.J. Culbard
PUBLISHER: Boom Studios

Unstoppable aliens have invaded the sleepy English countryside, and the army is covering it up.

The population must be told, and a plucky band of eyewitnesses must escape to raise the alarm.

And, by the way, all the "humans" have the heads of animals.

This is Wild's End: The Enemy Within, the frankly weird trade paperback collection that marries War of the Worlds with the Wind in the Willows.

It's the second in a series, but part one, called Wild's End: First Light, is also available. It's a sinister story, where the fear of the aliens is rivalled by fear of the authorities who will stop at nothing to keep the invasion secret.

In charming comic book tradition, all the protagonists are anthropomorphic animals, from traumatized war veteran Clive Slipaway, who's a dog, to anxiety-stricken writer Susan Peardew, who's a dog.

But don't confuse cuteness with tameness. This is a slow-burn story with no shortage of violent conflict, and a payoff that'll make your hackles rise in fear. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

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Condo market roof on fire

CONDO TRENDS

Temperature not the only thing rising in Toronto

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

There's a feeding frenzy going on right now — the dearth of single-family housing has driven the demand for units even further, setting prices ablaze — figuratively speaking, of course. DUNCAN MCALLISTER/FOR METRO

As temperatures once again rise into red-hot territory, so does Toronto's mid-summer condo market. Stories abound from real estate agents in the trenches, of multiple offers and bidding wars, particularly on larger units.

Ralph Fox and his partner are both savvy Toronto real estate agents. When it came time to sell the parents' condo recently, they were in for a pleasant shock.

The unit was a fair-sized suite, but in an older, retro building at Yonge and St. Clair. The highest last sale for a comparable one-bedroom plus den was $420,000.

"That was some time ago. We always felt that the prices in the building were really low for the location." says Fox.

They took a chance and pushed it up to $460,000.

"We had 20 showings on the day that it came out. We ended up in multiple offers and it sold for $497,000 at the end, a high sale by $80,000. All of a sudden, what we thought was to be a painful sale became the hottest condo in Toronto."

> **What we thought was to be a painful sale became the hottest condo in Toronto.**
>
> Ralph Fox, real estate agent

He attributes this not only to the hot location on St. Clair Avenue, but also the feeding frenzy that's going on in the condo market right now.

So how well did analysts predict the coming tsunami of elevated condo prices?

Not that long ago, some felt that the downtown core was overbuilt and that a glut of new units would flood the market with unsold condos.

Just last May, the Canadian Housing Health Check, a report by the Royal Bank of Canada, warned that Toronto's "Elevated condo construction poses higher than usual risk of overshooting actual demand of occupancy."

In actual fact, the dearth of single-family housing has driven the demand for condos even further.

David Fleming, a leading Toronto real estate agent, in an interview with Metro earlier this year, saw that millennials and first-time buyers were being priced out of the market.

"A lot of people are asking what people do when they can't afford houses, and in my opinion, they're going to buy larger condos."

His prescient observation revealed where things are headed.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Heritage Gate condo towns
Builder: Dunpar Homes
Location: 4380 Mississauga Rd.
Building: A community of 65 townhomes and semis
Sizes: From 1,436 to 2,300 sq. ft.
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The location offers easy access to nearby boutiques and restaurants as well as the Erin Mills Town Centre. The towns sit across from Hewich Meadows, the Leslie Log House and the Culham Trail.

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What's hot on the market

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1 OPEN HOUSE

Waterfront: Check out this spacious one bedroom plus den condo suite right on the waterfront. Head over to 29 Queens Quay E., on August 13 and 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact: Andrew Ipekian, Keller Williams Referred Urban Realty, Brokerage, 416-388-7955

2 PREVIEW EVENT

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3 OPEN HOUSE

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Prices for low-rise homes, such as detached, semi-detached and townhomes keep increasing at worrying rate. ISTOCK

Prices double in decade

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Demand for low-rise housing not diminished

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

Over the last 10 years, the average price of new ground-related homes in the GTA has more than doubled.

In June, according to data supplied to us from Altus Group, the average price of new low-rise homes, such as detached, semi-detached and townhomes, was a record $887,543. A decade ago, in June 2006, such homes could be purchased for on average $393,398.

Constrained supply of new homes coming to the market is one of the key drivers of this rapid price growth. A fact that was highlighted by CMHC in its recently released assessment of the Canadian housing market.

So why don't we increase supply and just build more? The answer is provincial policy.

The building and development industry is heavily regulated and government policy determines where and how development occurs and how land is used.

Ten years ago, in June 2006, the provincial government introduced the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshow to change the nature of development in the GTA. The plan mandates intensification and requires increased development densities.

Our industry has adapted to these policies. While ground-related homes dominated the market in the early 2000s, today we build at least as many high-rise homes as low-rise homes.

Yet in the past decade, the demand for new ground-related homes has not diminished. When new low-rise projects launch, those looking to buy usually face long lineups. Some people even sleep in their cars so they can have a place in line.

In May, the province announced plans to change the Growth Plan and dramatically increase intensification and density requirements. Overall, far fewer ground-related homes will be built and supply of such homes will be further constrained. Unless demand for these types of homes changes, prices will only escalate.

We believe the province should take a more measured approach and before it increases intensification requirements it needs to examine the impact of its existing policies on the availability and price of new homes.

The government is consulting on it proposed changes until September 30. Let them know what you think. Contact your local MPP or use the province's online feedback form at mah.gov.on.ca/Page10882.aspx.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Holdbacks only for a specific purpose

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: We sold our house last week and one of the conditions in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale was that we would supply a copy of the current survey to the new owners.

At the time, the survey was packed away in a box so our lawyer gave an undertaking to holdback $1,500 (the cost of a new survey) from the sale proceeds until such time as we produced the survey. We have provided the survey to our agent who has passed it on and now we would like to get the funds that have been held back.

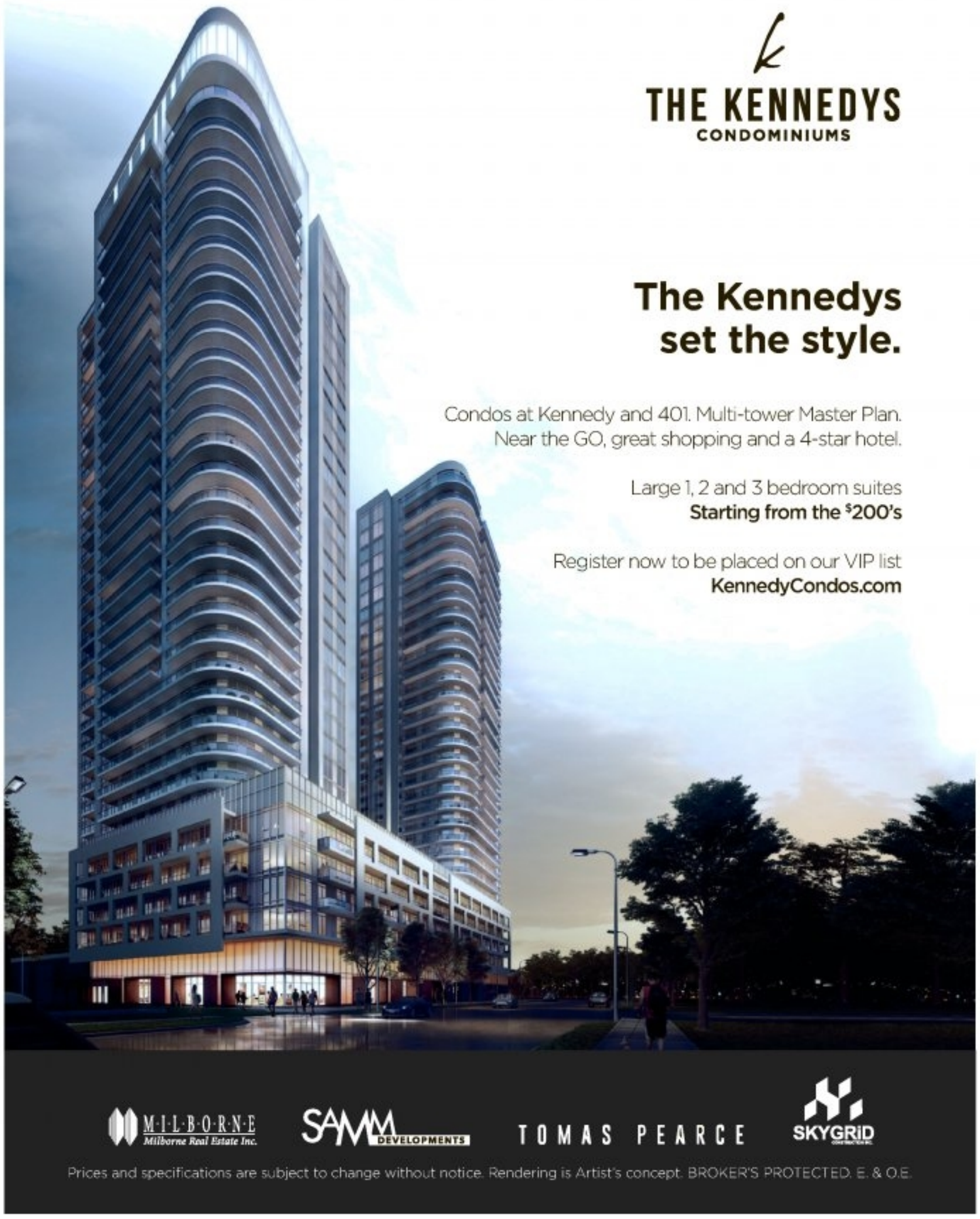
Our lawyer has been contacted by the purchaser's lawyer and has been told not to release the holdback because there are some issues with the property such as a small leak in the washroom that we let them know about before they even purchased. Can they insist that this money be held?

A: Typically, when a lawyer gives an undertaking to holdback funds, it is stated that it is for a specific purpose.

In this case it was in lieu of you not fulfilling the condition of providing a survey.

It that condition has been addressed, the purchaser cannot then switch the responsibility to another problem area with respect to the property.

Your lawyer will be able to release those funds to you and if the purchaser wants to pursue you for other issues, they can do so, but without a holdback sitting in your lawyer's trust fund.



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Five awesome trends for fall 2016

Indigo is an important colour for the fall, as seen in this couch and batik plates by Crate & Barrel. CONTRIBUTED

STYLE

Patterns and colour will be huge come September

This fall, decor continues to move in a more easygoing direction, with welcoming hues, softer profiles, and a comfortable mix of materials and styles. For those with a flair for the dramatic, there's room for that too. Some trends for the upcoming season:

Warm and welcoming

New York designer Elaine Griffin sees the influence of Millennials in a trend toward "feel-good finds" with a palette of warm colours, laidback furnishings and lots of texture.

Millennials are embracing locally produced crafts as well as goods from far corners of the planet, she says.

"There's retro style and global influence everywhere."

Fall also offers a range of new rugs, from fluffy wools in neutral colours to kilims in deeper tones and stronger patterns.

Amy Matthews, the Minneapolis-based renovation maven who has hosted shows on HGTV, DIY Network and TheDesignNetwork.com, loves using Persian runners in unexpected places.

"There's nothing like (it) in the kitchen," she says. "It brightens up a classic kitchen, and also makes changing out colour schemes a breeze. And in any other room, it will take your decor to the next level by anchoring with 'art' for the floor."

Look for kilims on benches and ottomans, too.

Pattern play

Geometrics, mineral prints, florals and global motifs get fresh interpretations for fall. For Griffin, "marble motifs are the 'it' pattern of the season." The veined white versions are ubiquitous across bath, kitchen and tabletop goods, but look too for marbleized patterns in dramatic hues on fabric and paper.

Wallpapers are on Matthews' pattern radar.

"Wallpaper's not just for the walls anymore," she says. It can go on ceilings and even furniture.

"It's more dramatic and eye-catching than paint, making a strong statement and setting the tone for a room," she says.

Roman blinds are also back in style, with contemporary pattern collections by designers like Diane Von Furstenberg and Jeffrey Alan Marks.

Mix, match and metals

Beth Kushnick, set decorator for CBS's The Good Wife, puts metallics near the top of her trend list.

"Some are highly reflective and others are more subtle, but they're in gold, silver, copper and rubbed bronze. They really up-scale a look and broaden a colour palette," she says.

The trend appeals to Matthews, too. Her style tip: don't overdo it.

Colour story

"My go-to colour is always blue," says Kushnick. "I'm seeing dark blue and teal in particular now, which work so well for a variety of styles, bridging the gap between masculine and feminine."

Adds Matthews: "Cool greys are giving way to dusty, sky and indigo blues."

Griffin is seeing muted versions of '60s pottery hues — turquoise, coral, citrus and ivory — debuting this fall and carrying into spring 2017.

A range of whites and creams will complement all those metallics, says Kushnick.

"As a set decorator, I usually try to stay away from these colours, since they're difficult to use on camera. But on my new show (CBS's Brain-Dead) I'm using them almost exclusively. I'm seeing options in every decor style. White's working year-round, and is here to stay."

The paint company Benjamin Moore has named Simply White its colour of the year.

Dramatic touches

Matthews is excited about "the rebirth of the chandelier." She sees the statement fixture as one of the most dramatic and playful additions to any room.

"Designs look best when they're eclectic and a bit eccentric," she says, adding, "The more eye-catching, the better. If tile is 'eye candy' for the walls, then pendant lights are the earrings that make the outfit."

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Carmelo Anthony tallied 31 points in a 98-88 win over Australia and became the all-time leading scorer in U.S. men's Olympic basketball

DeLaet tackling the chipping yips head on

RIO2016

'Incredible anxiety' has plagued Canuck

Graham DeLaet, of Weyburn, Sask., blasts out of a bunker during a practice round in Rio de Janeiro on Monday. SCOTT HALLERAN/GETTY IMAGES

The golf course that will begin playing host to the first Olympic tournament in 112 years on Thursday is a zoological marvel. On a short walk around a few holes this week, you could have seen a Boss Hogg-sized capybara munching on the foliage, a flock of vultures circling overhead, several owls burrowing in the bunkers and a small crocodile sunning itself in a pond.

Unique hazards, indeed. But it's possible none of those beasts are as frightening to a golfer as the variety of wild demons that recently invaded the head space of Canadian Olympian Graham DeLaet.

It was about two months ago that DeLaet sent out a Twitter message to explain his withdrawal from the PGA Tour's Memorial tournament, telling the world he was "dealing with incredible anxiety while chipping/pitching right now." Such mental bugaboos are hardly uncommon even among the world's best players. Just this year, four-time major winner Ernie Els six-putted from six feet on the first hole of the Masters. He blamed creatures that also inhabit the environs here in Rio.

"It's hard to putt when you've got snakes in your head," Els said.

Still, DeLaet's public acknowledgement of his problem amounted to a rare moment of honesty and vulnerability in the hush-hush world of pro sports. Ray Whitney, the retired NHL player who will be caddying for DeLaet at these Olympics, said it was an admission to be admired.

"That tweet showed he had a lot of balls," Whitney said. "He could have easily said that he tweaked his back or he had a wrist injury. Instead he stared it in the face and said, 'Hey everybody, I've got a little problem I need to fix.' And he's been working hard to fix it."

This week DeLaet said his issue is "actually getting much better."

> **Whatever Graham felt he needed to say, it's obviously helped him already. He's gonna be better for it.** Teammate David Hearn

Derek Ingram, Canada's men's golf coach, said DeLaet has spoken freely about his short-game shortcomings, acknowledging a flaw in his technique being addressed in practice sessions with his short-game coach, Gabriel Hjertstedt.

"He's also been using some techniques with his breathing to help him relax, so that when that situation arises he'll be able to manage the anxiety," Ingram said. "He wouldn't say he's out of the water yet. But certainly he's got some tools to work with, and he's feeling way more confident than he was." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BASKETBALL

Canadian women advance to quarters

GROUP PLAY

68	58
CANADA	SENEGAL

There's so much more to be accomplished that now is not the time for the Canadian basketball team to bask in its Rio Olympics accomplishment, but there is a level of a satisfaction at what's been done.

With their eyes firmly set on a place on the Games medal podium, the women took their first step in that direction on Wednesday, clinching a berth in the quarter-finals with a 68-58 victory over Senegal at the Youth Arena in the Rio suburbs.

Now 3-0 — marking the first time a women's team has ever won three games in one Olympics — Canada is tied for first place atop its group and guaranteed a second straight Games quarter-final spot.

"That's huge," Kia Nurse said of the historic third win. "That's just a testament to the rise of basketball on the women's side in Canada and how it's continued to grow each and every day. It's testament to those older guys on our team who've done nothing but bring this program on its rise."

Nurse had 14 points and Tamara Tatham had 13 for Canada, which once again got production up and down the lineup as 11 of the 12 women scored. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SWIMMING OLEKSIAK CAPTURES HER THIRD MEDAL
Toronto's Penny Oleksiak anchored the Canadian women to a bronze medal in the 4x200-metre freestyle on Wednesday night. Earlier in the evening, she qualified for the 100-metre freestyle final, to be held Thursday. TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

RIO Toronto's athletes

Who: Arthur Biyarslanov
What: Boxing
When: The men's welterweight bouts starts at 10:45 a.m. Thursday.

The 21-year-old boxer from Toronto won gold at last year's Pan Am Games, and finished third at the 2012 AIBA world championships. He was only four when his family fled war in Chechnya, a story chronicled in the book Next Round: A Young Athlete's Journey to Gold.

Who: Kyle Reyes
What: Judo
When: Men's 100-kilogram judo rounds start at 9:14 a.m. Thursday.

Reyes, 22, made history in 2013 when he became the first Canadian judoka to win gold at the world junior championship.

Who: Kristina Valjas
What: Beach volleyball
When: Players hit the sand starting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Toronto's Valjas and British Columbia's Jamie Broder will face off against Egypt. The duo beat Italy 2-1 to start the tournament, but lost to Germany Tuesday.

GREEN WATER

Chemical imbalance blamed for colour

Let's be generous for a moment and say that the colour of the water could have been worse.

A day after the Olympic diving pool turned a swampy shade of green, Wednesday saw the adjacent pool at the Maria Lenk Aquatic Center — the one used for water polo and synchronized swimming — morph from its usual blue to a slightly less shocking shade of the same, uninviting colour. As in, a nauseatingly tinged liquid that wouldn't qualify as the least bit inviting to anyone but the drunkest of beer guzzlers on a St. Patrick's Day bender.

Still, it was probably better than the once perfectly azure waters of the 31st Olympiad suddenly running, say, blood red or sludge black. And hey, it's not like there was a discarded sofa lurking ominously below the pool surface, as there may or may not have been on the kayaking course last week. This was, according to organizers, a minor aesthetic anomaly that posed no threat to the health of the athletes, and at least a few of the Olympians affected by it sounded unconcerned.

> **My eyes are destroyed now.**
> Water polo player Valentino Gallo of Italy

"In France, we have some swimming pools of this colour," said Florian Bruzzo, coach of France's water polo squad. "So it's not a problem for us."

Not everyone felt the same way. Multiple water polo players who competed in Wednesday morning's session complained the water was hard on the eyes in more ways than one.

"It's very difficult to play in this water because the chlorine is really, really strong for the eyes," said Mladan Janovic of Montenegro. "You cannot even see."

Organizers acknowledged they'd dropped the ball in monitoring the chemical balance of the pools. Rio spokesman Mario Andrada blamed the colour transformation on "a sudden increase in the alkalinity." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Manny Pacquiao says he will come out of retirement to fight WBO welterweight champion Jessie Vargas on Nov. 5

High five for Tulowitzki as Happ keeps rolling on

BLUE JAYS

Starter tames Tampa to take league lead with 16th win

At Rogers Centre

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BLUE JAYS	RAYS

Troy Tulowitzki rounds the bases past Tampa Bay Rays starter Blake Snell and Evan Longoria after hitting a three-run home run Wednesday night. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

J.A. Happ's magical season continues.

Happ became the first 16-game winner in Major League Baseball this season by tossing six innings of shutout ball on Wednesday night as the Blue Jays blanked the Tampa Bay Rays 7-0.

Happ struck out seven, walked two and yielded only four hits (all singles) in improving his record to 16-3. He's won 10-straight decisions, equalling a mark among Jays claimed by only Roger Clemens and Roy Halladay.

Troy Tulowitzki homered and set a season-high with five RBIs while Devon Travis continued to shine in the leadoff spot for the Jays, extending his hit streak to seven games. Justin Smoak added his 13th home run of the year.

Toronto (65-50) entered the night tied with Baltimore for control of the American League East.

Happ's toughest sequence came in the first when the first two Rays to bat both reached base. Happ retired the next three batters, striking out Mikie Mahtook to close the inning. The Jays quickly snatched the lead thereafter.

Travis led off with a single to left before Josh Donaldson singled to right after a foul pop fly was dropped by Tampa right-fielder Steven Souza Jr.

Toronto made Souza Jr.'s error sting when Tulowitzki sent a Blake Snell slider over the wall in left giving Toronto a 3-0 lead.

The Jays chased Snell from the game with two outs in the second. After Travis cashed a Darwin Barney double with an RBI-single, Snell went on to issue three straight free passes, the latter to Tulowitzki with the bases loaded. That extended the Blue Jays lead to 5-0.

An unlikely Cy Young contender, Happ never let an inning get out of hand in his latest outing. He closed four of six innings with a strikeout, snuffing out any hope of a rally to leave is ERA now standing at 2.96. THE CANADIAN PRES

JOEY TO DL

Bautista sprains his knee

Jose Bautista is headed back to the 15-day disabled list with a sprained left knee. The Blue Jays outfielder, who only just returned from a stint on the DL, injured the knee as he attempted a throw from right field in the third inning of Tuesday's 9-2 loss to Tampa.

"My cleat got caught in the turf, knee got a little jerked there and I landed on it too," Bautista told reporters on Wednesday. "I can't really tell if (it happened) when my cleat got caught or when I landed on it, but it's a sprained knee nonetheless and I'm on the DL."

Bautista said he hoped to return after only 15 days. Bautista returned from another stint on the DL just over two weeks ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SPORTS ON TV

Tributes flow for Saunders

Tributes poured in Wednesday for Canadian-born sportscaster John Saunders, the original voice of the Toronto Raptors and a fixture for nearly 30 years on ESPN in the U.S., after the network announced that he had died. He was 61.

Saunders, who was born in Toronto and grew up near Montreal, joined ESPN in 1986 after working for a variety of stations in central and eastern Canada. He was the play-by-play announcer on Raptors games from 1995 to 2001.

The former college hockey player who was at ease broadcasting a variety of subjects hosted "The Sports Reporters" on Sunday for ESPN for the last 15 years.

John Saunders GETTY IMAGES

"I think you'd have a hard time finding anyone to say anything bad about John," said Leo Rautins, the former NBA player who worked with Saunders on Raptors broadcasts. "He was very giving, very caring, very intelligent."

NBA commissioner Adam Silver released a statement saying he was "deeply saddened" by the news.

Saunders, an original member of ESPN's SportsCenter crew, called play-by-play for U.S. college and WNBA games, hosted NHL playoff games from 1993 to 2004, Baseball Tonight from 1990 to 1993 and the World Series from 1990 to 1992. He also hosted the Rendez-Vous '87 hockey series in Quebec City between the NHL and the Soviets.

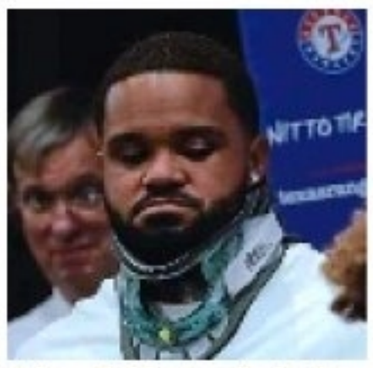
Saunders got his start as news director at CKNS Radio in Espanola, Ont., in 1978. He worked as sports anchor at CKNY-TV in North Bay, Ont., from 1978 to 1979 and at ATV News in New Brunswick in 1979-80 before he became sports anchor for CITY-TV in Toronto from 1980 to 1982.

"He was very proud to be Canadian," said Rautins. "He'd mention it every time he could."

No cause of death was given by the network. THE CANADIAN PRES

MLB

Fragile neck forces Fielder to end career



Prince Fielder was limited to 289 games with Texas. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Prince Fielder will not be able to come back after a second neck surgery.

The Texas Rangers slugger wept Wednesday as he said he was forced to end his 12-season major-league career. He was still wearing a neck brace 12 days after his second cervical fusion in just over two years.

Fielder didn't formally retire, however, meaning the Rangers would have to keep him on their 40-man roster through 2020. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Sanchez to get first crack at Broncos starting job

Mark Sanchez will be the starting quarterback for the Broncos' preseason opener in Chicago on Thursday. Coach Gary Kubiak on Wednesday gave Sanchez the start over Trevor Siemian, who is listed as the co-No. 1 quarterback. The Broncos plan to have Sanchez play the first quarter and Siemian play the second. Rookie Paxton Lynch is slotted to play the second half. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER

FIFA ethics probe into Brazilian chief

FIFA ethics investigators confirmed Wednesday that they are formally investigating the indicted head of Brazilian soccer, just days after he met with FIFA President Gianni Infantino

Marco Polo del Nero has remained president of the Brazilian Football Confederation despite being among the officials indicted last year as part of an American investigation into soccer corruption.

Del Nero also remains free to hold positions of power in soccer, although FIFA's ethics division has now announced it has been investigating the former executive committee member since December.

"We are able to confirm that there are formal proceedings going on against Marco Polo del Nero," FIFA's ethics committee said. Del Nero is yet to face the racketeering and money laundering charges in New York along with the other suspects in the U.S. investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Superstars of the sidelines

PREMIER LEAGUE

Pounds bring top managers to English clubs

New Chelsea manager Antonio Conte, left, and second-year Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp bring excitement to English technical areas. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Awash with more cash and global appeal than ever before, the English Premier League is still struggling to lure or retain the elite players in world football like Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suarez.

For the moment, the Galacticos are the managers.

The era of the super-coach has arrived in England's top division. Pep Guardiola, Jose Mourinho, Arsene Wenger, Antonio Conte and Jurgen Klopp make up possibly the most outstanding group of managers seen in this country at one time.

It means some huge reputations are going to take a battering during a highly anticipated campaign with no obvious title favourite and with predictions warped by Leicester's improbable surge to the championship last season.

"It's a world championship of managers," said Wenger, the 66-year-old Arsenal manager.

For drama, it may pay to check out the coaches' technical area as much as the field of play. No more so than when Mourinho and Guardiola renew their rivalry as the new managers of Manchester United and Manchester City, respectively.

The Manchester clubs have hogged the limelight this off-season due to the coaching arrivals and their spending in the transfer market that reached $400 million.

Of course, the bookies can get it wrong. Take last season, for example.

Leicester started out as a 5,000-1 shot to win the league delivering one of the biggest underdog triumphs in any sport ever. Chelsea started out as defending champion and favourite, and limped home in 10th in the worst Premier League title defence ever seen.

This time round, City, United, Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool and Tottenham (in that order) are expected to be the main contenders. Leicester is still only the seventh favourite.

A record injection of TV money, split evenly between the 20 top-flight teams, is levelling out the Premier League. This is the first season of a new three-year broadcasting deal for domestic and international rights worth a record 8.3 billion pounds ($10.8 billion US) — 71 per cent above the previous deal — and clubs have used that windfall to spend around $1 billion.

The so-called lesser teams have no compulsion to sell their top players, given the cash they are raking in. There are unlikely to be many easy victories gained this season.

It might be time to redefine the parameters of the word "success" in England. Wenger has been criticized by some footballing romantics for saying that qualifying for the Champions League is tantamount to winning a trophy, but few will argue this season. Two or three big teams could easily finish outside the top four. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORE SOCCER

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Man United at Bournemouth
Liverpool at Arsenal
MONDAY
West Ham at Chelsea

Wales' Williams leaving Swansea for Everton

Everton has moved quickly to replace centre back John Stones by signing Wales captain Ashley Williams from Swansea.

Everton announced the arrival of Williams on Wednesday, with the 31-year-old defender signing a three-year deal to end his eight-year spell at Swansea.

Williams said he was looking forward to playing under Everton manager Ronald Koeman.

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For Metro Canada

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Ready in 25 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500 grams spaghetti
- 3 Tbsps olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup black olives, pitted and roughly chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 x 5 oz tin of tuna, drained
- 3 or 4 leaves of fresh basil, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated

Directions

1. Put a bit pot of well-salted water on to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Just before you drain, remove 1 cup of cooking liquid and set aside.

2. In another large pot, warm up olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, tomatoes, olives and capers. Stir and let the garlic cook for a couple of minutes. Add the tuna and break it up a bit, not too much.

3. Add the cooked pasta and toss together until the pasta is well-coated and the rest of the ingredients are spread throughout. Pour in your cooking liquid bit by bit until the pasta loosens up.

4. Serve with a topping of grated Parmesan and fresh basil.

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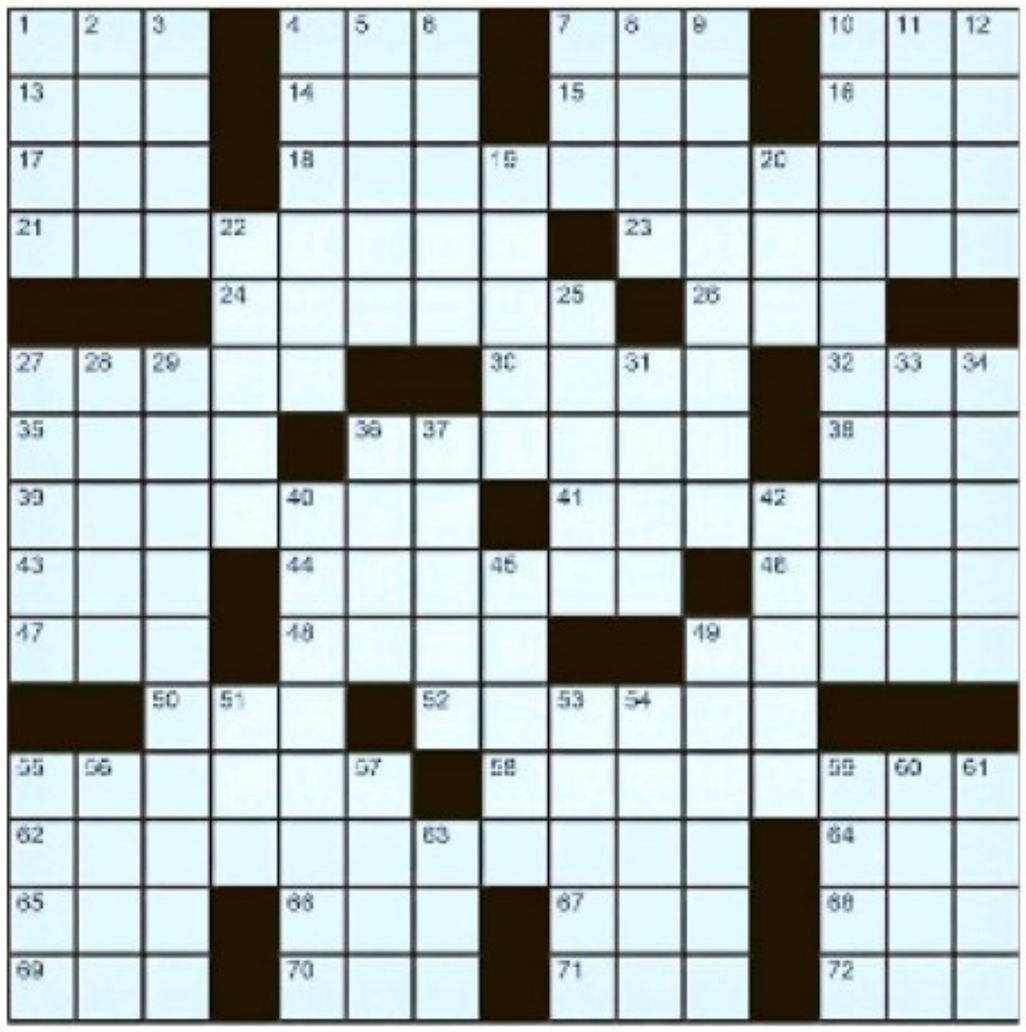

ACROSS
1. RIO 2016: Get gold
4. Computer co.
7. House-coolers, briefly
10. "Awesome!"
13. 'Fluor' suffix
14. U.S. firearms org.
15. Plant
16. 'Depart' suffix
17. Modern: German
18. RIO 2016: Water event, Women's __ __ (K1) Slalom
21. RIO 2016: Speed it up!: 2 wds.
23. Hanson song
24. Montreal 'lemon'
26. Might
27. Fasten, in a way: 2 wds.
30. Quasi
32. Beatles adjective
35. Alphabetic sequence
36. Northwest Territories/Nunavut river
38. __ Red apples
39. RIO 2016: Canada, for one
41. RIO 2016: Greats of any Olympics
43. 17th letter's spelling
44. Articulates again
46. RIO 2016: MLI is its IOC code
47. Jr.s' dads
48. Get from ___ (Advance slightly)
49. Shenanigans
50. "That's waaay over-sharing!"
52. Plays, untrained puppy style: 2 wds.
55. RIO 2016: San __ (SMR is its IOC code)
58. RIO 2016: Artsy maneuvers discipline in #29-Down
62. RIO 2016: Reward for ancient Olympians: 2 wds.
64. Tea type
65. Music honour, e.g.
66. Irish actor Stephen
67. Actor, Daniel __ Kim
68. Him opposite
69. Hosiery hue
70. Compass dir.
71. Wee question follower
72. Hankering

DOWN
1. RIO 2016: Victory goddess Nike's one-of-two
2. 'Thought'-meaning prefix
3. Quebec 'nine'
4. Does cartooning work: 2 wds.
5. Hollywood's Benjamin
6. Singer/guitarist John
7. Get permission
8. 'Micro' ender
9. RIO 2016: Olympic sport
10. RIO 2016: 'Sevens' team sport event scheduled for the Men today, August 11th: 2 wds.
11. Mr. Guthrie
12. Meaningful
19. Came about
20. Q. "Is '_ _' _ way to abbreviate Santa Fe's state?" A. "Yes."
22. Squash variety
25. Ms. Furtado
27. Tick __ (Clock noises)
28. Q. "Shall _ __ you a glass?" ...asked the sommelier
29. RIO 2016: Olympic sport which is a 'mane' event
31. Classic comedian Mr. Howard's
33. Befuddle
34. Foundation
36. Old shipping weight allowance
37. Green tea variety
40. RIO 2016: Athlete aiders
42. Gives off
45. RIO 2016: Respect the rules
49. Does dishes
51. 1004 in ancient Rome
53. Milan-based fashion house
54. __ __ example
55. Castle's surrounder
56. __ mater
57. Is beholden
59. RIO 2016: Like a sore-muscles athlete
60. Clarified butter
61. Garner
63. "Norma __" (1979)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Steer clear of propagandist discussions regarding religion, politics and racial issues. This is a poor day for important ideas; someone might trick you or even deceive you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Postpone important decisions about inheritances, shared property, wills, taxes and debt. Today is a poor day to discuss these matters or to act on them.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with others might depress or confuse you. This is not your fault. This is par for the course today. Just coast and agree to nothing important.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't let someone in authority shoot you down today or discourage you. You don't have all the facts; in fact, you might be seriously misled! Use caution.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
For some reason, children might be an increased responsibility today. In addition, romance is depressing and confusing. Just for today. Oy!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Domestic discussions might discourage you because an older family member is critical. This is a temporary setback. Don't let it get you down.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do not give in to negative thinking today. In part, you are confused about something. Someone might have misrepresented the truth to you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a poor day for important financial decisions because you could make a mistake. You don't have the confidence and the right frame of mind to do your best. Forewarned is forearmed.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Conversations with others are difficult today, because they are confusing, discouraging or both! Knowing this ahead of time, take a step backward. Just coast.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something going on behind the scenes might discourage you. You might be deceived as well! Trust no one today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone older might rain on your parade today. Reserve judgment about anything important until tomorrow, because you are not in the right frame of mind today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't ask for permission or approval from bosses, parents and VIPs today because these conversations will not go well. If you want anything, the response will likely be, "Talk to the hand."

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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